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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINTS, JM

SUBJECT: VIOLENCE FLARES IN CENTRAL KINGSTON

1. THERE WERE A RASH OF POLITICAL SHOOTINGS AND FIRE-BOMBINGS IN KINGSTON DURING THE EVENING AND MORNING OF APRIL 21-22 WHICH RESULTED IN 4 KILLED AND MANY MORE WOUNDED. THE FLARE-UP OF VIOLENCE, WHICH POLICE ATTRIBUTED TO GANG WARFARE, WAS RAMPANT IN CENTRAL KINGSTON WHERE THE CHANCERY IS LOCATED. THE MAJORITY OF THE SHOOTINGS ARE ARSON ATTACKS WERE WITHIN 3 BLOCKS OF THE CHANCERY.

2. P.M. MANLEY TOURED THE AREA (WHICH IS IN THE HEART OF HIS ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCY) APRIL 22, IN AN EFFORT TO COOL THE SITUATION. A SIMILAR CLASH BETWEEN THE TEL AVIV (PNP) AND SKULL (JLP) GANGS TWO YEARS AGO ENDED IN AN ARMISTICE FOLLOWING THE INTERVENTION OF THE P.M

3. COMMENT: MANLEY IS TAKING NO CHANCES ON THINGS GETTING OUT OF HAND IN HIS OWN DISTRICT AND HAS ORDERED HEAVY ROUND-THE-CLOCK POLICE PATROLLING OF THE AREA.
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